

1   **In the Claims**

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4   **Please amend Claim 1 as follows.**

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6   1.   **(Currently Amended)** A digital camera comprising;  
7         a processing unit, the processing unit including a  
8         memory unit, the memory unit storing a sequence of images;  
9         a shutter, the shutter being activated in response to  
10        signals from the processing unit

11         a photosensitive region for receiving an image when  
12        the shutter is activated, the image ~~on the shutter received~~  
13        by the photosensitive region being stored in the memory  
14        unit; and

15         a display unit for displaying images stored in the  
16        memory unit;

17         wherein the digital camera has a first mode of  
18        operation in which the shutter is activated a preselected  
19        period of time in response to a first user first input, the  
20        sequence of images being displayed on the display during  
21        the preselected period of time, the display being visible  
22        to image subjects.

23   2.   **(As Filed)**   The digital camera as recited in claim  
24   1 wherein the sequence of images provides a visual count-  
25   down for the activation of the shutter.

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27   3.   **(As Filed)**   The digital camera as recited in claim  
28   2 wherein the sequence of images is applied periodically to  
29   the display.

1   **Please amend Claim 4 as follows.**

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3   4.   **(Currently Amended)** The digital camera as recited in  
4   claim 1 wherein the digital camera has a ~~second~~ normal mode  
5   of operation, the shutter being activated immediately in  
6   response to ~~the second~~ a user second input.

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8   5.   **(As Filed)**   The digital camera as recited in claim  
9   1 wherein the display is rotatable, the display being  
10   rotated to face the image subjects in the first mode of  
11   operation.

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13   6.   **(As Filed)**   A method of acquiring an image with a  
14   digital camera, the method comprising:

15            after a first user input signal, delaying activation  
16    of the shutter for a predetermined period of time; and  
17            during the predetermined period of time, displaying a  
18    sequence of images to the subject images on the camera  
19    display.

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21   7.   **(As Filed)**   The method as recited in claim 6  
22   wherein the sequence of signals provides a count-down for  
23   the activation of the digital camera shutter.

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25   **Please amend Claim 8 as follows.**

26   8.   **(Currently Amended)** The method as recited in claim 6  
27   wherein the digital camera includes a ~~second~~ normal mode of

1 operation, the shutter being activated without delay by a  
2 user input in the ~~second~~ normal mode of operation.

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4 **Please amend Claim 9 as follows.**

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6 9. **(Currently Amended)** A digital camera having an auto-  
7 exposure mode and a normal mode of operation, the digital  
8 camera comprising:

9 a processing unit, the processing unit including a  
10 memory unit, the memory unit storing a sequence of images  
11 ~~and images acquired by activation of the shutter;~~

12 a shutter unit responsive to signals from the  
13 processing unit for activation;

14 a photo-sensitive region for acquiring an image when  
15 the shutter is activated, an acquired image being stored in  
16 the memory unit; and

17 a positionable display, the display displaying an  
18 acquired image in response to a ~~first~~ user first input, the  
19 display displaying the sequence of images to image subjects  
20 prior to activation of the shutter after a preselected  
21 period of time in response to a ~~second~~ user second input.

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23 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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25 10. **(Currently Amended)** The digital camera as recited in  
26 claim 9 wherein the shutter is activated without delay in  
27 response to a ~~third~~ user third input.

1 11. **(As Filed)** The digital camera as recited in claim  
2 10 wherein the sequence of images is displayed  
3 periodically.

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5 **Please amend Claim 12 as follows.**

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7 12. **(Currently Amended)** As Filed) The digital camera as  
8 recited in claim 10 wherein the sequence of images permits  
9 the image subjects to anticipate the delayed activation of  
10 the delayed shutter.

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12 13. **(As Filed)** The digital camera as recited in claim  
13 10 wherein the sequence of images is a series of numbers.

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15 14. **(As Filed)** The digital camera as recited in claim  
16 10 further comprising a flash assembly wherein activation  
17 of them flash assembly is coordinated with activation of  
18 the shutter.